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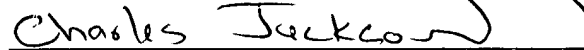
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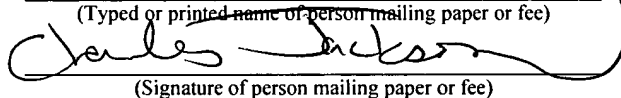
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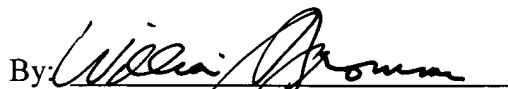
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Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, this application is entitled to a claim of priority to Japan  
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